

Strawberry Chapel  
Near Cordesville  
Berkeley County  
South Carolina

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STRAWBERRY CHAPEL  
Near Cordesville, Berkeley County, South Carolina

Owner: Episcopal Church

Date of erection: 1725

Present condition: Good

Description:

Plastered on masonry; one story; jerkinhead roof. Plan simple rectangle with vestry room built against north wall. Front three bays, center door, which is repeated on south elevation. Doorways have segmental arches with fanlights and windows, semi-circular heads. East end--one window each side of altar table. Circular window under eaves in gable ends. Interior woodwork largely modern.

Additional data:

Built as the parish church of the town of Childesbury, which was planned by James Childe, a wealthy planter, but which was never completed and all remains of which have now disappeared.

Reference: Stoney, Plantations of the Carolina Low Country

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Historical Data:

Mr. James Child of Saint John's, Berkeley, in the early part of the 18th Century laid out a town on the Western Branch of Cooper River, at the North side of a popular ferry. In his plan for this Childsbury, an acre and a half of land was also given for a Church or Chapel. This Parochial Chapel of Ease, begun in 1725 to serve the people of the Lower Beat of the very large parish, is all that remains of the little town which soon lost even its name, and left its Chapel to take that of the adjacent ferry.

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